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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and

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made of record. Copies of the listed documents required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2) are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner.

Prior art documents B3-B19 are in Japanese. For each of documents B3-B5, B7, B8, B11, B16 and B17, Applicant is submitting a partial English translation. For the remaining documents, Applicant is submitting either an English abstract or an English translation of the claims.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g),(h), this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)(2), after the mailing date of a first Office Action but before the mailing date of any of a final action under 37 C.F.R. § 1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application. A fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) in the amount of \$180.00 is enclosed herewith. Should the enclosed check be insufficient, omitted or should any additional fees be deemed necessary under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks Hofer Gilson & Lione Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this document is enclosed.

Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,



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